



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1765**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dirksen et al.

Application No. 09/737,905

Art Unit: 1765

Filed: December 15, 2000

Examiner: V. Perez-Ramos

**For: METHOD OF POLISHING OR
PLANARIZING A SUBSTRATE**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Box AF
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Inventorship

Please add to "James A. Dirksen and David W. Boldridge" the additional inventor – "Gautam Grover."

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-16 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

17. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide abrasive is selected from the group consisting of alumina, silica, titania, ceria, zirconia, germania, magnesia, and combinations thereof.